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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an Information¹ against Gordon N. Green charging him one count of bribery relating to an employee benefit plan in the amount of \$150,000, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1954, and one count of theft of employee benefit plan property, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 664. The charges arise from the defendant's alleged theft of confidential labor hour reports in the possession of the Laborers International Union of North America pension fund and training fund and his attempted sale of these reports to a union contractor for a total payoff or bribe of \$150,000.

The information alleges that, in September, 2002, defendant Gordon Green, the director of the Laborers' International Union of North America's Service Contract Education and Training Trust Fund (the "Training Trust Fund") in Washington, DC, which is an employee benefit plan subject to the provisions of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, approached a union employer and U.S. government contractor in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in an effort to solicit an improper financial benefit in exchange for confidential union property. Specifically, it is alleged that Green offered to provide the employer with confidential labor hour reports showing hours worked by the employer's competitors on more than 140 union contracts, including a multi-million dollar Department of Defense contract at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. According to the information, this labor hour data is extremely valuable to employers in formulating a winning bid proposal because labor hours are typically at least 80% of the total job costs for the types of services provided by the employer. The labor hour reports are also highly confidential union property and not available to contractors.

It is alleged that the employer immediately contacted federal law enforcement authorities about the illegal offer that was made to him by Green. According to the information, the employer agreed to make recorded calls and wear a wire against Green. It is alleged that, between September 25, 2002 and November 19, 2002, the government set up a successful sting operation in which Green was recorded (on both audio and video) explaining the scheme to the employer and requesting a total bribe or payoff of \$150,000 cash in exchange for the labor hour reports for 144 union contracts. On November 19, 2002, Green allegedly handed over the stolen labor hour reports

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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on 144 contracts to the employer and accepted a suitcase filled with \$80,000 cash, which was the down payment on the \$150,000 bribe.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Gordon N. Green	553 Choptank Cove Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403	D.O.B.: 2/3/67

If convicted, defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 8 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, and a \$200 special assessment..

The case was investigated by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service and the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney John J. Pease for prosecution.

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